Waiting list of mobile services of BSNL in Bihar

†2553. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise latest position of waiting list of applicants interested in mobile service installed by BSNL in Bihar Telecom Circle including Patna; and

(b) the scheme of Government to provide mobile service to the applicants registered in waiting list and the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The waiting list for pre-paid Cellular Mobile connections in Bihar Telecom Circle including Patna is 1,69,165. District-wise waiting list is given in the Statement. (*See* below) Post-paid cellular connections are being provided on demand in Bihar by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

(b) BSNL is augmenting its cellular network in Bihar by an additional capacity of 4.5 lakhs and installation works are in progress. The wait listed applicants are expected to be provided BSNL's cellular connections during the current financial year.

Statement

District-wise waiting list for Cellular Mobile Connections installed by BSNL in Bihar Circle

As on 31.07.2005

Sl.No.	Name of District	Waiting List as on 31.07.2005 districturse
1	2	3
1.	Ara	5542
2.	Buxar	4580
3.	Begusarai	735
4.	Bettiah	3512
5.	Bhagalpur	5301

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1	2	3
6.	Banka	121
7.	Chapra	4061
8.	Siwan	1519
9.	Gopalganj	4609
10.	Darbhanga	2614
11.	Madhubani	3008
12.	Gaya	13200
13.	Aurangabad	3000
14.	Nawadah	4000
15.	Arwal	971
16.	Jehanabad	2187
17.	Vaishali	5111
18.	Katihar	3926
19.	Purnea	3865
20.	Araria	0
21.	Khagaria	4359
22.	Kishanganj	1107
23.	Motihari	2072
24.	Munger	1800
25.	Lakhisarai	1006
26.	Jamui	595
27.	Shekhpura	555
28.	Muzaffarpur	24446
29.	Sitamarhi	2200
30.	Sheohar	900
31.	Patna	32280
32.	Nalanda	4200

1	2	3
33.	Saharsa	1686
34.	Supaul	851
35.	Madhepura	1984
36.	Samastipur	5598
37.	Rohtas	8557
38.	Kaimur	3107
	TOTAL	**169165**

Functioning of Phulparaas Telephone Exchange in Bihar

†2554. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Phulparaas Telephone Exchange under Madhubani Telephone District in Bihar is situated in flood prone area and often becomes inoperative and faulty;

(b) whether it is a also fact that Phulparaas Telephone Exchange is not functioning as per its total installed capacity and the disruption in its service and connection has become a common feature; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, it is a fact that Phulparaas Telephone Exchange under Madhubani Telephone District is situated in flood prone area but it is functioning normally.

Last year, there was a severe flood in Madhubani District including Phulparaas area. The telephone exchange building was surrounded with water all around but water did not enter the exchange building because of its higher plinth. The telephone exchange was running smoothly during the period. However, STD/ISD services were disrupted during this period

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